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Oswald-Shaw Link Claimed

NEW ORLEANS — District Attorney Jim Garrison charged today that Lee Harvey Oswald plotted the assassination of President Kennedy with New Orleans civic leader Clay Shaw, 54, and former airline pilot David W. Ferrie in Ferrie's apartment in September of 1963.

Garrison made the allegations in an affidavit filed yesterday and made public today, to substantiate a search warrant for Shaw's apartment.

Injected also into the story was a truth serum angle.

Shaw, it was also revealed today, was in San Francisco the day Kennedy was killed (See Page 9.)

REASON GIVEN

Shaw, a prosperous retired business executive, was arrested last night by Garrison. Ferrie, found dead Feb. 22, was described by Garrison as a key figure in his probe of Kennedy's death.

A search warrant used to gain entrance to Shaw's French Quarter apartment last night stated this reason for the search:

"Affiant has evidence that meetings were held in the apartment of David W. Ferrie at 3300 Louisiana Avenue Parkway and the people present were David W. Ferrie, Clay Shaw, alias Clay Bertrand, and Lee Harvey Oswald and an informant and other persons.

"These meetings were held for discussing how they would kill John F. Kennedy, president of the United States."

FBI PROBE

In Washington, the new U. S. attorney general, Ramsey Clark, said a FBI investigation in late 1963 had cleared Shaw of any part in the assassination. "On the evidence that the FBI has, there was no connection found," Clark said.

The search warrant used by Garrison's men said that

at the meetings between Oswald, Shaw and Ferrie, "there was an agreement and combination . . . to kill John F. Kennedy . . .

"One of the sources of information of the affiant is a confidential informant who was present at these meetings and saw the conspirators and heard . . . subjects discuss the means and manner of carrying out this agreement."

The warrant added that the informant voluntarily submitted to a lie test "adminis-

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tered" by the coroner for the parish of Orleans.

"The informant, while under the sodium pentothal, verified, corroborated and re-affirmed his earlier statements . . ."

STATEMENT

Shaw, who was released on \$10,000 bond last night, issued a statement today in which he expressed shock at this arrest and denied taking part in a plot to kill Kennedy.

"I've always had only the highest and utmost respect and admiration for Mr. Kennedy . . . I do not know Harvey Lee Oswald nor to the best of my knowledge do I know anyone who knew him. I have never seen or spoken to Oswald where anyone I knew was associated with him."

In answer to a question about the name "Clay Bertrand," Shaw said: "I don't know of any Clay Bertrand

and I never used any aliases."

Asked about Ferrie, he said: "I never met, as far as I know, Mr. Dave Ferrie. I was never in his apartment."

A preliminary hearing for Shaw has been set for March 14. It was requested by Garrison — an unusual step for the prosecution.

5 WHIPS

Objects taken from Shaw's luxurious home last night included five whips, pieces of chain, two pieces of leather,

one black hood and cape, a shotgun and case and an Army cartridge belt.

The name Clay Bertrand was first mentioned in 1963 by Dean Andrews Jr., a local attorney who only today was subpoenaed by Garrison for questioning. Andrews told investigators that shortly after Oswald was arrested in Dallas, a man named Clay Bertrand telephoned him and asked him to represent Oswald. The Warren Commission said it found no man names Bertrand involved.